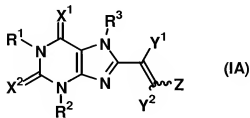


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a.) Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for suppressing formation of impurities in a pharmaceutical composition due to dimerization of a xanthine compound represented by formula (IA)



(wherein Y¹ and Y² may be the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, halogen or lower alkyl; Z represents substituted or unsubstituted aryl, or substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl; R¹, R² and R³ may be the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl or lower alkynyl; and X¹ and X² may be the same or different and each represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, ~~thereof, in thereof.~~ wherein said pharmaceutical composition is a solid formulation containing the xanthine compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which comprises providing iron oxide in the solid formulation, and wherein formation of impurities due to dimerization of the xanthine compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is suppressed.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled).